

TITLE VI - REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND VOCATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS

CHAPTER 162  
MOVING BUILDINGS

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162.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this Chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. The term "mobile home" shall be defined as in Section 321.1 of the 1995 Code of Iowa and as may be amended.
2. The term "person" shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, trust or any other organized group.
3. The term "street" shall mean all public streets, roads, highways, alleys or other public places.
4. The term "structure" shall mean any house, garage, building or shelter which, when transported on the streets of the City, results in total combined dimensions of the moving vehicle and structure which exceed eight feet six inches (8'6") in width or thirteen feet six inches (13'6") in height. The term "structure" shall also include anything which when moved on the streets of the City would cause an unreasonable hazard to the safety of any person or property.

162.02 PERMIT REQUIRED. No persons shall move any structure on or over the streets of the City without a permit issued by the City Building Official.

162.03 VALIDITY.

1. An annual permit shall expire on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.
2. A single-trip permit shall be effective for five days.

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162.04 APPLICATION. Any person desiring such a permit shall file with the Building Official an application in writing on forms furnished by the City or IDOT Office of Motor Carrier Services (if movement includes the State primary road system). The application shall include the following:

1. The character, size and weight of the structure to be moved.
2. The purpose for which said structure is to be moved.
3. The locations from which and to which the structure is to be moved.
4. The streets over which the structure is intended to be moved.

162.05 APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED. No permit shall be issued to move any structure which:

1. Is so constructed or in such condition as to be dangerous to the occupant, user or other persons reasonably expected to be in the vicinity of the structure.
2. Is infested with pests.
3. If a dwelling or habitation is unfit for human habitation.
4. Is so unsightly or in such a condition of deterioration or disrepair that its relocation at the proposed site would cause appreciable harm to or be materially detrimental to the surrounding properties.
5. If the proposed use is prohibited by the Zoning Ordinances of the City.

162.06 TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The granting of a moving permit may be limited by conditions reasonable and proper for the protection of persons and property including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Restrictions on the public streets or other public property over which the structure shall be moved.
2. Requirements of changes, alterations, additions or repairs to be made to the structure, to the end that the relocation thereof will not be materially detrimental or

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injurious to public safety, or to public welfare, or to the property and improvements in the area to which it is moved.

3. Requiring an escort when the width of the vehicle with load exceeds roadway lane width (one-half traveled portion of the road), the height of the vehicle and load exceeds 14 feet 4 inches, or the length of the vehicle with load exceeds 100 feet.

4. Hours of moving.

5. Warning devices, lighting and barricades.

162.07 INSURANCE. Public liability insurance in the amounts of \$100,000 bodily injury each person, \$200,000 bodily injury each occurrence, and \$50,000 property damage with an expiration date to cover the tenure of the annual or single-trip permit shall be required.

162.08 BOND. The City may require the applicant to file a bond, certified check or other assurance in an amount sufficient to cover the reasonably anticipated cost of damage or loss to private property, either real or personal, likely to be caused by or arising out of the movement of the vehicle and load or to ensure compliance with permit provisions.

162.09 PERMIT FEE. The fee for the issuance of a moving permit hereunder shall be set by Resolution of the Council to reflect annual and single trip permit fees established by IDOT for movement of vehicles with oversize indivisible loads.

162.10 REMOVAL OF UTILITY FACILITIES. Whenever in moving any building it is necessary to cut or move any electric, telephone, traffic or other wire, pole or fixture, a notice shall be given by the person holding a permit, issued under this chapter, for the moving of the building to such owner at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time required for such cutting or moving. The expense of cutting or removing such wires, poles or fixtures, or supervising the same, shall be paid by the moving contractor. The permittee shall protect all paved streets, sidewalks, poles and other City property and, if damaged, repair the same.

162.11 EXEMPTIONS.

1. Moving Through City. When a structure is to be moved through the City to a point outside the City, and the person moving the structure has been issued a moving permit by the State of Iowa, the Building Official may exempt such persons



from the requirements of this Chapter if it appears that no damage will be done to the property of the City of Vinton or its citizens as a result of such move.

2. Mobile Homes Within The City. When a mobile home is to be moved from outside the City to a mobile home park within the City having a certificate of use and occupancy, or from one such mobile home park within the City to another such mobile home park, the Building Official may exempt the mover from the requirements of this Chapter if it appears that no damage will be done to the property of the City of Vinton or its citizens as a result of such move.

162.12 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED. Compliance with the provisions of this Chapter shall not excuse the applicant from complying with the requirements of Chapter 130 of this Code, including the requirement of obtaining a building permit under the provisions of said Chapter 130.

162.13 APPEAL. Any person aggrieved by the refusal to grant a permit hereunder shall have the right to appeal to the City Council. Upon review by the Council, if the Council finds that the permit should have been granted, it shall direct the Building Official to issue the permit. If Council finds the denial of a permit was appropriate, it shall affirm the decision of the Building Official.

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